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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE SEMINAR
FOR VENTURA AREA NONPROFIT AND EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS**

Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard and Assemblywoman Audra Strickland, along with the Ventura Community Foundation-Resource Center for Nonprofit Management, are sponsoring a free one-day seminar to assist nonprofit and exempt organizations in the Ventura Area.

Leonard encourages those responsible for nonprofit and exempt organizations to attend and learn more about how tax laws and reporting requirements affect them. Topics will include property taxes, employment taxes, sales taxes for nonprofits, raffle laws, the Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004, and the Southern California Study of Nonprofits.

Experts from the State Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, the Attorney General's Office, and the California Association of Nonprofits will be on hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, May 5, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: Seaside Park Fairgrounds
Santa Rosa Hall
10 W. Harbor Blvd.
Ventura, CA 95112

Those wishing to attend may register online at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm
For more information please call Anita Stott at 916-445-8328.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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